Report of Medical Officer of Health for the year 1904

To the Chairman and Members of the Seaton Urban Council

Gentlemen,

I am glad to be able to report that the health statistics for 1904 are highly satisfactory

The births number 30, 17 boys and 13 girls a birth rate of 22·7 per thousand

There were 15 deaths, a death rate of 11·3 per thousand of the resident population. The average of the previous 10 years is 14. Seven of the deaths were over 65 years whilst only one was under one year

The cause of death shows that of the old people two are from old age simply and the others from the various infirmities to which the aged succumb. Those in middle age are from ordinary causes, none from Cancer or Phthisis. There is only one death under one year, that of an infant from diarrhœa This is the only death from any of the Zymotics. There has only been one Notification during the year, a case of Erysipelas.

In table I of the Summary of the Reports of Medical Officers of Health for South Devon for 1903 Seaton is shown to have the lowest death rate, next to Okehampton, of any Urban District of South Devon.

The sewage system continues to work well. At neither of the outfalls have I ever found the slightest nuisance.

The scavenging has been satisfactory

I have made several inspections of the Dairies, the Bakehouses and the Slaughter houses and find them kept in satisfactory condition

We used during the year 16,600,000 gallons of water - about one and a half million more than last year. This gives 45,479 gallons per day equal to a daily consumption of 36 gallons per head of the resident population.

Rain fell on 177 days the total was 33·73 inches. Three inches less than in 1903, but rather above the average of the last 10 years.

We have no Factories in our District, and only a few work-places where from six to ten hands works under satisfactory conditions.

In conclusion I can repeat what I said last year: that the small number of deaths amongst infants and young children, and the fact of there being only one death from any of the Zymotics is the best proof of the healthy and sanitary condition of the district.

I am Gentlemen
Yours truly
H. E. Pellew
M. O. H

Seaton 31 January 1905.

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Report of M. O. H

to Sealer Woburn Church

for 1904